

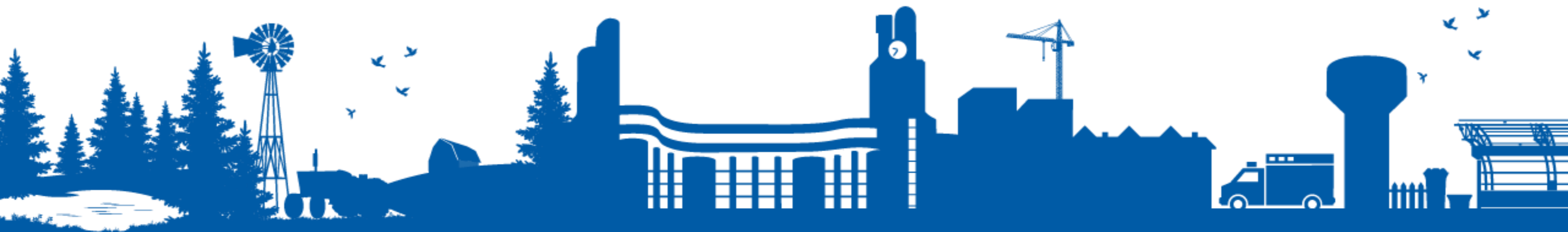
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

Housing Stability Call for Applications

INFORMATION SESSION

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations. Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land. We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community."

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CIF Program Background

- Invests in local initiatives through targeted, time-limited, funding delivered by not-for-profit community agencies
- Initiatives to help address gaps in the delivery of human services, complement Regional programs, and deliver on priorities set by Regional Council
- Focus on supporting community agencies that provide services that address the needs of residents from Priority Groups

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CIF Program Background

CIF focuses on supporting projects that address the needs of residents from at least one of the following Priority Groups that would most benefit from programs and services.

- Indigenous, Black, and other racialized populations
- Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex (2SLGBTQI+) communities
- Newcomers
- People living with disabilities
- Residents living in focus areas identified under the Community Safety and Well-being Plan for York Region
- Residents living with low income
- Seniors
- Women

Projects will be evaluated based on their ability to serve these priority groups.

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Applications



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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

The Community Investment Fund invests in local initiatives delivered by not-for-profit community agencies and other partners. These initiatives target gaps in the delivery of human services, complement or enhance Regional programs and deliver on policy priorities set by Regional Council.

The Region is committed to strengthening community capacity and social infrastructure to improve the ability of communities to identify and respond to the needs of residents.

Funding Opportunities

Now Accepting Applications: Community Investment Fund – Housing Stability

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Now Accepting Applications: Community Investment Fund – Housing Stability

York Region's Community Investment Fund is now accepting applications for Housing Stability projects. This funding opportunity strategically invests in community-based programs that strengthen housing stability and prevent homelessness for York Region residents.

Funding is available through two streams:

- **Stream One:** Supports homelessness prevention and tenancy stabilization
- **Stream Two:** Funds coordinated, targeted supports for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with complex needs

Through these investments, York Region aims to enhance community capacity, improve housing outcomes and support residents to achieve and maintain stable housing.

Eligibility

- Open to eligible non-profit community agencies and registered charities providing services to York Region residents. Please consult the general agency criteria and eligibility requirements included in the call guidelines.

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Housing Stability Call Overview

- York Regional Council approved housing stability as a Community Investment Fund priority.
- This funding opportunity aligns with York Region's **2026 to 2035 Housing and Homelessness Plan** approved by Regional Council on June 25, 2026.
 - This plan will advance a coordinated system that delivers housing solutions and supports for residents with low and moderate incomes. This means preventing homelessness before it happens, increasing and sustaining safe housing options that respond to residents' needs, and should homelessness occur, that it be brief and non-recurring.

Call Information

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be either a non-profit Organization or a registered charity for the purposes of the [Income Tax Act](#) (Canada).
- Be incorporated under the Ontario *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*, S.O. 2010, c. 15, or the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* (S.C. 2009, c. 23), or, for those applicants that are not incorporated, a Flow-Through partnering arrangement must be made with a not-for-profit incorporated organization.

**Applicants will be asked to provide a charitable and/or non-profit number.*

**Collaborative applications and flow-through partnerships are permitted, provided they meet the eligibility criteria as well*

Type of Call Process: Open

Call Period: Accepting applications until September 1, 2026 at 4:30pm

**Early submission of applications is strongly encouraged.*

Contract Period: January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027

Notification of Outcomes: Fall 2026

Maximum Contract Amount: \$200,000

Project Streams

Stream 1: Upstream Homelessness Prevention and Tenancy Stabilization

This funding helps prevent homelessness before it occurs and supports housing stability for residents living in community housing, as well as York Region residents who are on, or eligible for, the Region's subsidized housing waitlist. It provides timely and appropriate services to help individuals and families maintain stable tenancies, including:

- Homelessness diversion and eviction prevention for residents at imminent risk
- Early identification of housing instability
- Supports community housing residents remain stably housed through life stabilization services, such as mental health, physical health, employment, financial empowerment or community safety programs

Project Streams

Stream 2: Targeted Supports for Underserved People with Complex Needs

Tailored, inclusive supports for people at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, facing multiple barriers, including:

Health, Mental Health and Addiction Supports

- Innovative, low-barrier and trauma-informed approaches to improve access to health, mental health and addiction services
- Eligible activities may include peer support, community-building initiatives, harm reduction services, specialized staff or training and improved referral pathways
- Services must be inclusive, accessible and culturally and linguistically appropriate

Multi-disciplinary Programs and Partnerships

- Holistic, intensive supports for people with complex needs
- Collaboration with partners beyond the traditional homelessness system (e.g., Public Health, Paramedic Services, Legal or Court Services, York Region Transit, employment agencies)

*Applications for Stream Two **must** serve individuals who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and who can demonstrate ties to York Region.*

Eligible Requests

Request for funding may be for the following:

- Costs for project delivery such as program planning, staff salaries and benefits, staff training, consultant fees, etc.
- Honoraria for volunteers, volunteer training and recognition
- Rental fees for programming space
- Equipment rentals
- Program promotion and communications expenses (marketing needs)
- Childminding (for agency clients)
- Food used as part of programming
- Travel and transportation for staff and program participants
- Evaluation
- Software technologies (websites, applications)
- Small capital costs (computers, tablets, chairs)
- Supplies and materials
- Accreditation
- Interpretation and translation
- Administrative expenses (general overhead costs, supervision, professional services, insurance coverage, etc.) up to a maximum of 15% of total program costs



Request limit
\$200,000

Ineligible Requests

- Duplication of existing funding unless it can be demonstrated such duplication is warranted and appropriate
- Costs for which an alternate source of funding is available
- Political activities supporting or opposing any political party, elected representative or candidate for public office
- Activities which are religious or include a requirement to participate in any dimension of faith
- Construction costs
- Large capital purchases (fixed assets such as machinery, equipment, land, buildings or other infrastructure)
- Organizational core funding or ordinary course expenses such as operating and maintenance costs
- Activities, programs or services which do not provide a benefit to York Region Residents and/or communities
- Activities, programs or services carried out or provided outside of York Region
- Activities completed or costs incurred, before the start date specified in the Community Investment Fund Agreement between the Applicant and the Region
- Loans
- Debt retirement, depreciation or deficit funding
- Income transfer/supplement to Residents (e.g., purchase of gift/grocery cards, payment of rent/utilities, etc.)
- Administrative Costs associated with project delivery beyond 15% of a project's total budget



Refer to Application Guidelines for Additional Details

Collaborative Applications

Applicants submitting a collaborative application or have a flow through partnership are required to complete this form as part of the application.

Flow-through Partnership: An existing incorporated, registered not-for-profit organization or registered charity that is in full compliance with Community Investment Fund eligibility criteria who acts on behalf of an applicant to access funding for a project.

How a Flow-Through Partnership Can Support Your Project:

- Enables collaboration among organizations to leverage complementary expertise, resources, and community connections.
- Provides access to established administrative, financial, and governance capacity, helping to strengthen project implementation and accountability.
- Supports organizations that may not independently meet eligibility requirements, allowing innovative community initiatives to move forward.
- In this partnership model, the flow-through organization serves as the lead agency and assumes all contractual obligations, including responsibility for funding administration, financial reporting, and compliance with program requirements.

Application Submission

- Must be submitted online **by September 1, 2026, 4:30 pm EST**
- A complete package will consist of the following:
 1. Completion of the application questions
 2. Project Plan
 3. Budget Workbook
 4. Collaborative application form, if applicable
 5. Recent audited financial statements
 6. List of Board of Directors
- You will receive a confirmation email once the application is submitted

**Refer to Application
Guidelines for Full Details**

AFTER SUBMISSION

After Submission

Evaluation & Selection

- Selection Committee comprised of York Region staff will evaluate each application
- Each application will be individually reviewed and scored
- Results of call are anticipated to be announced Fall 2026

Funding Agreement

- All successful applicants are required to enter in a Community Investment Fund Agreement with York Region
- Funding Agreement will outline all indemnification, insurance and other program requirements
- **Projects are expected to commence January 1, 2027**, term of funding up to 12 months.

Key Dates

Date (est.)	Milestone
August 4, 2026	Funding opportunity opened
September 1, 2026	Proposal submission deadline, closing at 4:30PM EST
Fall 2026	Anticipated announcement of results
Fall 2026	Development of service agreements
January 1, 2027	Projects begin

WRAP-UP

Questions

- Questions may be submitted to CommunityInvestments@York.ca
- Please use **“Housing Stability Call for Applications”** in the email Subject Line
- FAQ may be shared with all applicants

THANK YOU



Budget Workbook

- **Direct Personnel costs**
 - Salaries and MERCS
- **Direct Non-Personnel costs**
 - Equipment, materials and supplies
 - Communications and marketing
 - Other
- **Administrative Costs (up to 15% of total proposed funding)**
 - Must be directly associated project delivery
- **Non-Recoverable HST**

